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1. Lucretiu Patrascamu, a prominent Rumanian Communist and formerly Minister of Justice, was arrested on 4 May immediately after he had left a meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Rumanian Workers' Party. He and his wife are presently imprisoned at Pitesti.
2. Patrascamu's arrest resulted from the personal enmity of Ana Pauker and George Gheorghiu-Dej, and is said to have no relation to ideological conflicts. The former Minister of Justice has criticized Rumanian Communist leaders for the manner in which they flout the laws of the country. He is said to consider Emil Bodnaras as the Rumanian leader most subservient to the Russians. In Patrascamu's opinion, Ana Pauker is the leading representative of the Soviet Union in Rumania, while Gheorghiu-Dej is a man of little personality who is pushed forward by Mme. Pauker because of his Rumanian name.

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